

~~20~~ 19. (New) The negative electrode active material for use in an alkaline cell according to Claim 2, which consists essentially of said dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

~~21~~ 20. (New) The negative electrode active material for use in an alkaline cell according to Claim 6, which consists essentially of said dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

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~~22~~ 21. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the mixing is dry mixing, and the negative electrode material consists essentially of a dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

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~~23~~ 22. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the mixing is dry mixing, and the negative electrode material consists essentially of a dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

~~24~~ 23. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the negative electrode material consists essentially of a dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.--